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- 1. Dr. Bolf, (fnu), director of Inforit, a Yugoslav company formed to handle exports of Yugoslav lumber has complained that the Yugoslav timber industry is being driven from the Mediterranean market by the practices of the Cominformist countries who are flooding the market.
- 2. The Near East has recently received large shipments of Soviet and Rumanian lumber which was offered for sale at prices considerably below those quoted by Yugoslavia. In an effort to hold up the price, Yugoslav dealers in that area attempted, with some success, to buy up the lumber and thus maintain the regular market price. However, they will be financially unable to withstand such pressure in the future.
- 3. The Near East has always been Yugoslavia's chief customer for lumber, and the loss of those markets would be an irreparable blow to the Yugoslav timber industry. Bolf maintains that sudden interest of the Cominform States in the Near East market is purely a political move to capture Yugoslav markets, inaskuch as the prices they quote for their lumber are far below the cost of exploitation.

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